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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIAN FRONT EXPELLS DISSIDENTS

REF: PRETORIA 1884, PRETORIA 1326, LUSAKA 1057

1. WEEKEND PRESS REPORTS THAT APRIL 29 MEETING OF RHODESIAN FRONT (RF) "STANDING COMMITTEE" IN SALISBURY RESULTED IN EXPULSION OF 12 DISSIDENT MP'S FROM PARTY. THE COMMITTEE ALSO EXPELLED DEPUTY PARTY CHAIRMAN HAROLD COLEMAN WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PUBLICLY CRITICAL OF PM SMITH. PRESS ALSO STATED THAT COMMITTEE WOULD MEET AGAIN ON FRIDAY, MAY 6, TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ALSO EXPEL PARTY CHAIRMAN DES FROST.

2. PRESS STATES THAT REASON FOR EXPULSIONS IS THESE PERSONS

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HAD "UNDERMINED THE GOVERNMENT". SMITH REPORTEDLY WAS DETERMINED TO PURGE THOSE OFFICE BEARERS WHO WERE INHIBITING HIS SETTLEMENT EFFORTS.

3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN LUSAKA 1057, SMITH MAY NOT HAVE ENJOYED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT HE CLAIMED IN APRIL 18 RF CONGRESS. AMCIT NEWSPERSON RETURNING FROM RHODESIA STATES RELIABLE RF

SOURCES INFORMED HIM SMITH HAD TO COMPROMISE CONSIDERABLY ON LANGUAGE OF SECOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION OF SOLUTION ALONG LINE OF PARTY PRINCIPLES. EVEN WITH COMPROMISE WORDING, SMITH WAS JUST "A FEW VOTES" OVER NEED MAJORITY. ALTHOUGH PROMISE OF ACTION AGAINST DISSIDENT MP'S WAS LONG STANDING, THIS WHOLESAL EXPULSION, TO INCLUDE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OFFICIALS COLEMAN AND FROST, MAY INDICATE THAT SMITH'S BASE IS NOT AS SOLID AS HE WOULD LIKE. THREAT THAT THEY OFFER HIM AT PRESENT IS MINIMAL, BUT SMITH PROBABLY FEELS NEED TO SHOW UNITED FRONT IN NEGOTIATION PROCESS.BOWDLER

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